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Elmhurst, NY: It has been reported in media that **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** would be visiting India on June 15, to closely scrutinize the religious freedom in India, particularly in Gujarat and Orissa.

It is axiomatic that China and Iran are the worst violators of religious freedom. Religious freedom is non-existent in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and other Islamic nations. Sudan is indulging in egregious violation of religious freedom. Nigeria is one of the world's worst abusers of religious freedom.

It is unfathomable and incomprehensible to figure out as to why **USCIRF** is going to India, the largest democratic country in the world having independent judicial systems and statutorily constituted Human Rights Commission to take care of human rights abuses of its citizens.

Improvement of relationship with all the countries is the cornerstone of the US foreign policy under the Obama administration. On one hand, the US has been trying to repair its relationship with all the nations of the world, particularly the Islamic world ruled by religious bigots as kings and dictators, and on the other hand the US is jeopardizing its relationship with the largest democracy in the world by sending a quasi-government body to investigate violation of religious freedom in Gujarat and Orissa. We believe that the US decision to send **USCIRF** to India is not only unfair and unjustified but also illogical, inconsistent and injudicious. We also feel that it impinges on India's sovereignty and could be construed as an undue interference in India's internal affairs.